

Select Board Members

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MINUTES

MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

5:00 PM

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Present: Chair Peter Hood, Select Board Members Bill Callnan, Steve Martin, Liz Scharf and Vice Chair Mary Skinner by speaker phone, Treasurer Cindy Carlson, Road Foreman Paul Cerminara, CVSPAB members Kim Bolduc and Everett Coffey, and Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman.

Call to Order/Amendments

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The agenda was amended to add the following:

- a) A discussion about representing town at June 15, 2015, ZBA hearing re: Rumney School expansion
- b) Setting special meeting date of July 7, 2015 to set 2015 tax rate and
- c) Review of end-of-year financials

Highway Update/Preparing for the H35 Water Quality Bill

Paul apprised the Board about H.35, a water-quality bill passed by the Legislature this session that will regulate storm water from town roads (as well as other origins) to prevent/reduce phosphorous pollution in rivers and lakes. While the bill won't go into effect until December of 2017, the Town should be prepared for the changes in road maintenance and winter sanding. Bill said the Road Crew and town should try to get as many road improvements done before that deadline as possible.

There was still no final estimate on how much it will cost to repair the grader which is in the shop. As a result, the town has had to rent a grader for \$6,000/month. Liz asked how long until the town's grader has to be replaced; Paul said there are eight more years. Mary asked about the closing of Shady Rill Road. Paul said Steve said it would be closed from the Shady Rill Baptist Church up to the school as soon as school closes and probably would not be complete until school reopened.

CVSPAB Update

Kim Bolduc and Everett Coffey, Middlesex's representatives to the Central Vermont State Police Advisory Board, thanked the Select Board for contributing to an annual CVSPAB picnic last year. The Middlesex State Police Barracks covers 19 communities and Lt. Nally, who oversees it, is trying to expand community outreach, especially in light of an "epidemic" narcotic drug problem in the area. Kim wanted to know how to reach more people who may not read Front Porch Forum where she often posts. The

Select Board suggested using the town's website and offered use of Town Hall for a Middlesex meeting. Peter suggested posting minutes of CVSPAB meetings in the Town Clerk's Office. However, Kim said the state police are trying to cast a wider net. Everett suggested that people should call in tips re: suspicious activity to the Vermont State Police non-emergency line or to crime stoppers. He said there were 11 highway deaths in Vermont since the beginning of 2015; for the same time period there were over 100 drug-related fatalities.

End of Year Financials

With one pay period left in the fiscal year, Cindy said the town had plenty of money to make it to July 1. Peter suggested paying the \$6,000 rental fee for the grader before then.

Scheduling a Special Meeting on July 7, 2015 to Set the Tax Rate

As it was inconvenient for most Board members to attend a special meeting earlier in the month, the Board decided to stick with the usual schedule and set the tax rate at its regular July 14, 2015, meeting.

Representing the Select Board at the June 15, 2015 ZBA Rumney Hearing

Peter said he was planning to attend the meeting as the Select Board representative since the Town of Middlesex owns land that abuts Rumney via an easement. He wanted to know if the Board had any concerns or objections. Bill said he was concerned about storm water running onto town land, an issue that Julie Moore's engineering firm plans to address, according to her previous presentation to the Select Board. No one had a problem with the proximity of the proposed addition to the easement, especially since the addition will be farther from the easement line than the existing building.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: Mary moved and Steve seconded approval of the 5.26.2015 Select Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

MOTION: Bill moved and Steve seconded approval of the 5.15.2015 minutes of the Special Select Board meeting. Peter, Bill and Steve said aye. Liz and Mary did not vote because they did not attend the meeting. The motion passed.

There was no correspondence.

All orders were signed.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Merriman, Select Board Assistant